# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:227
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2001
CONSTITUTION OF TASK FORCE FOR RELIEF TO BHOPAL GAS VICTIMS
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any task force or committee has been constituted to provide relief to the victims of 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy;

(b) if so, the present position in this regard;

(c) whether the members of the affected families have been given employment on contract basis; and

(d) if so, the details of employment given to the victims/dependents of victims?

## Answer

MINISTER of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.227 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7.8.2001.

(a) & (b): The Government of India has not constituted any task force or committee to provide relief to the Bhopal Gas Victims. In 1991, a Group of Ministers under the Chairmanship of the Finance Minister was setup to coordinate and oversee all Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster related matters, including a review of the procedure for disbursement of the compensation under the Act and Scheme and the handling of funds.

To provide relief to the Bhopal gas victims, the Government had earlier approved a five year Action Plan for the medical, social, economic and environmental rehabilitation of Bhopal Gas victims with a total outlay of Rs.163.50 crore. Subsequently, the outlay was increased to Rs.258 crore. This expenditure was to be shared between the Central Government and the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in the ratio of 75:25.

(c) & (d) : The Government of India has set up the office of Welfare Commissioner under the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster (Processing of Claims) Act 1985. Group `C` & `D` staff in this establishment have been recruited locally. Every effort has been made to employ personnel from gas affected areas. At present, about 514 Group `C` and 232 Group `D` employees are working in the Welfare Commissioner`s office, mainly on contract basis.